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ROYAL BRUNSON WRITES ARTICLE
ABOUT 'GASTROTRICHA' FOR BOOK

MISSOULA---

Dr. Royal B. Brunson, a University of Montana zoology professor, is author of an article about minute animals entitled "Gastrotricha" (pronounced Gas-trot-reeka) for the first edition of the Encyclopedia of Microscopy and Microtechnique, a 638-page book recently published by the Van Nostrand Reinhold Co. in New York City.

His article deals with methods of using microscopes to examine Gastrotricha and of staining and preserving the small animals, which are found in water and which range in size from 1/2500 to 1/50 of an inch.

Brunson originally developed methods of preserving Gastrotricha with the use of stains while he was studying for his doctor's degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in the mid-1940s and while he was doing postdoctoral work at the Duke University Marine Laboratory, Beaufort, N.C. He has been on the Montana faculty since 1946.

The Encyclopedia of Microscopy and Microtechnique was edited by Dr. Peter Gray, who is a biology professor at the University of Pittsburgh and consulting editor in the biological sciences for the Van Nostrand Reinhold firm. The publication was designed for use in general and specific libraries and by biologists, chemists, physicists, geologists, and medical and industrial researchers involved in such areas as petrochemicals, wood, plastics, paper and brewing, Brunson said.

The encyclopedia is the sixth scientific book to which Brunson has contributed an article or chapter for publication.

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